

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS {Translation}

**Compressed Natural Gas as  
Automotive Fuel**

[English]

\*230. SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM  
CHANDRASEKHAR:  
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision on the proposal submitted by the Gas Authority of India Limited and Indo-Burma Petroleum Co. Ltd. for introduction of compressed natural gas as automotive fuel at selected locations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS (SHRI B.  
SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first phase of implementation of the CNG programme covering conversion of 220 petrol powered vehicles to run on compressed natural gas on an experimental basis has been approved by the Government. The IBP Company Limited would implement the programme in Assam and Tripura and the Gas Authority of India Limited would implement it in Delhi, Bombay and Baroda.

(c) Does not arise.

**Infiltration on Border of Tripura and  
West Bengal**

\*232. SHRI RATILAL VARMA:  
SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bangladeshi infiltrators apprehended on the border of Tripura and West Bengal and handed over to the Government of Bangladesh during 1991 and 1992 so far;

(b) whether infiltration on the border of these States has increased during the last few months;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have made any review of the existing arrangements for checking such infiltration;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the concerned State Governments have requested the Union Government for deployment of para-military forces for this purpose; and

(g) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) Information given below:

State	Total Apprehensions	Handed over to the Government of Bangladesh/ Pushed Back
TRIPURA	1991	2484
	1992	593
	1992	278
	(Upto February, 1992)	147

State	Total Apprehensions	Handed over to the Government of Bangladesh/ Pushed Back
WEST BENGAL	1991	58200
	1992	5416
(Upto February, 1992)		4981

(b) and (c). Interception of illegal migrants along the international border in these States has shown some increase during the last few months. Socio-economic and political conditions as also the porous nature of the border are the main reasons responsible for the influx of Bangladeshi nationals into India.

(d) and (e). The measures taken to prevent infiltration and to detect the illegal entrants include strengthening of the surveillance of the border, construction of roads along the border and fencing in sensitive stretches, setting up of units of Police force in affected States adjoining Bangladesh border for detecting illegal migrants, advising the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to enforce provisions of the Foreigners Act, 1946 and to launch a special drive to detect and deport illegal migrants.

(f) and (g). Border Security Force is already deployed on Indo-Bangladesh border for checking infiltration.

[English]

#### Subsidy on Agricultural Inputs

\*233. DR. LAXMINARAYAN  
PANDEYA:  
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have con-

ducted any study to assess the actual benefit to the farmers from the subsidy given by the Government on various agricultural inputs;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure maximum benefits reaching the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. BALARAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c). No, Sir. No studies have been conducted to assess the actual benefit to the farmers from the subsidy given. There are a number of studies in respect of certain programmes which have a subsidy component. The shortcomings pointed out in these studies are circulated to the State Governments etc. and efforts are made to improve the efficiency of these programmes.

#### Cashew Cultivation

\*234. SHRI P.C. THOMAS:  
SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Cashew Development Board for development of cashew cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to provide remunerative price to cashew growers;